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the Readers' response

Sunday School Issue
To The Editor:

One of the most outstanding things you have done to help us in our literature expansion program is giving the new face to the Evangel. Everywhere I go I hear this statement: "The Evangel is the best it has ever been!" I would like to add my personal note of thanks to the expression of the many thousands by saying that I sincerely appreciate your interest in the S. S. and Youth Department and your special edition portraying this work. May God's richest blessings continue to rest with you and guide you in your future field of labor.

RAY H. HUGHES
Overseer of Maryland.
Baltimore, Md.

Name Misspelled

To the Editor:

Since my name was spelled incorrectly in the Pioneer issue I received correspondence from the home and foreign field with the incorrect spelling. I corrected the spelling of my name in four places on one deed. It is a little hard to understand why the proper spelling of my name can not be remembered.

GLOVER P. LEDFORD
Albuquerque, N. M.

• We regret any inconvenience and embarrassment we have caused by printing the name Grover instead of Glover. Brother Ledford is on the Board of Trustees and the appearance of his name on official Church documents makes the improper spelling more serious than it would be otherwise. I trust all our readers will recall that the name is Glover.

Special Issue Each Week

To the Editor:

I want to compliment you on the Evangel since you plan each issue as a special one. It really makes the paper interesting, not only a special Easter or Christmas number, but every week a special. It is really well done, and appreciated. Congratulations. Our first issue from our

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Coming Next Week
AUTUMN ISSUE
NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK

Presses, Malayalam Echoes, is about now half done. It certainly will not be up to what you are putting out, but we trust that we shall be able to make improvements as the months go by.

WILLIAM POSPISIL
Travancore, India

Appreciates Evangel

To the Editor:

I want you to know what a blessing the Evangel is to me. A very dear friend of mine gave me copies of the Evangel and the Lighted Pathway. These are two of the best magazines I have ever read. They are a wonderful blessing to me and I am sure that they are to everyone who reads them.

EVELYN WOODS
High Point, N. C.

Bach's Review

To the Editor:

I liked Marcus Bach's review of Like a Mighty Army which was reprinted in the August 20 Evangel. Do you think your readers might enjoy Bach's first encounter with the Church of God as told in Church Street U.S.A.?

HENRY F. HILL
Asheboro, N. C.

Commends General Assembly Coverage

To the Editor:

I should like to take this opportunity to commend you for the splendid coverage of the General Assembly you provided for the readers of the Evangel. Your planning for a complete coverage of the General Assembly was most successful. Not only have I been greatly impressed with the issues of the Evangel covering the General Assembly, but I have also been greatly impressed time and time again with previous issues.

O. W. POLEN
National S.S. and Youth Director
Cleveland, Tenn.

COVER PICTURE

"Ammunition Against Communism" by Luoma

An ideal civic project is to have a distribution point for free religious literature, such as that illustrated on this week's cover. This is Protestant Press Month and the EVANGEL lends its voice in the encouragement of wholesome Christian literature for all people. A worthy project for any local church is to place racks with free church publications in bus, train, and airline waiting rooms, or other public buildings where interested readers can find food for their souls as well as for their minds.

A

MAN

SENT

FROM

GOD

By W. A. Ackerman

Executive Secretary, Evangelical Press Association

THE LORD MIGHT HAVE chosen Gabriel, the archangel, for so stupendous a task, but "there was a man sent from God whose name was John."

This humble servant of the Lord was clothed in raiment of camels' hair. A girdle of skin was about his loins, and he ate locusts and wild honey. Although he was of the humblest, he was entrusted with one of the most responsible tasks ever assigned to a mortal man. He was commissioned to prepare the world for the greatest event in its history, the birth of Jesus Christ, God's Son. Obedient to the Master, whose shoe latches he openly confessed he was not worthy to unlouse, zealously he flung his challenge, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

With that important message was coupled an uncompromised warning, "Repent ye." Unflinchingly condemning sin as he saw it, John the Baptist flung the bitter accusation, "O generation of vipers." The Pharisees and Sadducees were used to the acclaim of men, not their rebuke. John did not hesitate that day nor the time when he stood in the presence of Herod the tetrarch to reprove him of his life. He paid for that, as you know, one otherwise gay evening when at a palace drinking party his still-bleeding "glory" head was paraded about upon a charger.

The world does not ascribe much success to this man called John the Baptist, but the Lord Jesus did, and that is all that really matters. The Lord called him the most blessed among all those born of women.

The editor of your Christian publication has a task similar to that of John the Baptist. In its God-given commission he emphasizes the work and the witness of the Christian church. As it circulates among the masses, the cry that comes from its pages is, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

Fresh, up-to-date news items upon its pages bring to thoughtful readers everywhere the grim realization

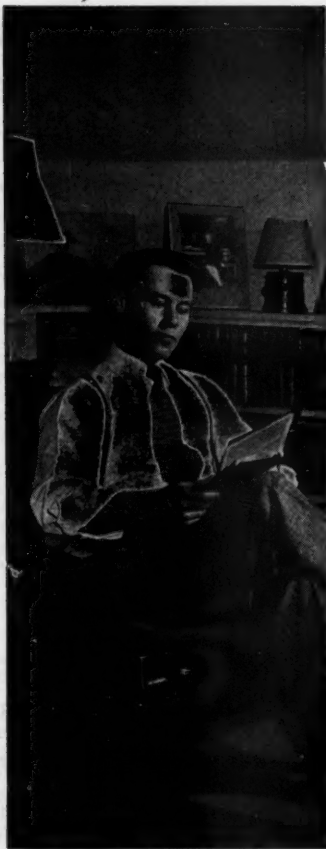
that slowly but surely God's eternal plan unfolds, a conviction that each new day brings us closer to that time when we shall see Him appear upon the clouds of the sky and every eye shall behold Him.

In its God-given responsibility, your publication must denounce with unswerving devotion to duty, the sins of our day. Articles by church leaders must bring the dire warning, "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Through its editorials, Christian publications warn of the sins of the day. It may be the shallowness of the twentieth century spiritual life, the unbridled use of television in the home, the lust for more material possessions, or the borderline reading of Christians. Regardless of what it may be, as John of old, it denounces sin as it sees it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. There was a man sent from God who is your Christian editor. He has a great message to tell the waiting world, even as John of old. Deeply cognizant of his responsibility, he can do nothing less than remain most humble. He realizes that entrusted to him also is that message angels fain would bring. This month he and scores of other editors, comprising the Evangelical Press Association, commemorate Evangelical Press Month. Once again the editor and staff of this magazine re-dedicate themselves to their task, ever promoting the work and witness of the church.

Emphasizing the work, it will bring you the latest developments of the church in the homeland and the regions beyond. Through it, it is our prayer that earnest readers can hear the clarion call of old, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

Discharging its Christian witness, which is the preaching of the gospel, the message it will bring will be that of John of old, "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."



Books Every

Sunday School

Teacher Should Have

By Ray H. Hughes

Overseer of Maryland

PREPARATION IS ESSENTIAL if a teacher is to succeed in his task of winning pupils to Christ and developing them in Christ. The time a farmer spends in sharpening his tools is not time wasted; likewise, the time a teacher spends in search for truth to impart to others is well-spent. For the first law of the teacher is, "The teacher must know that which he would teach." Eternal souls are dependent upon us for the knowledge of the Word and guidance in the Christian life.

In order to be well-equipped one must resort to every aid available. It is needless to say that number one in the necessary books for lesson preparation is the Bible. The teacher should make much of Bible study. God's Word should be the textbook of the Sunday School, and it is the teacher's job to teach it. Before any other book is studied, the Sunday School lesson should be read in the Bible. Related passages and the context should be read carefully so as to get the proper setting of the lesson. The lesson text of the quarterly usually presents but a fragment of what one should present to a class on a given subject.

TEACHER'S QUARTERLY

When the teacher has obtained a well-rounded view of the lesson from the Bible, the next most helpful aid is the quarterly. This quarterly has been prepared by Bible students and specialists in the particular age levels

that are to be taught. Although the quarterly is designed to give the teacher direction in teaching the lesson, it should not take the place of his own individual study. There are other study helps which aid the teacher in really knowing the material he is to teach.

REFERENCE BOOKS

He should make use of reference books; such as, a Bible atlas, concordance, Bible dictionary, and commentaries.

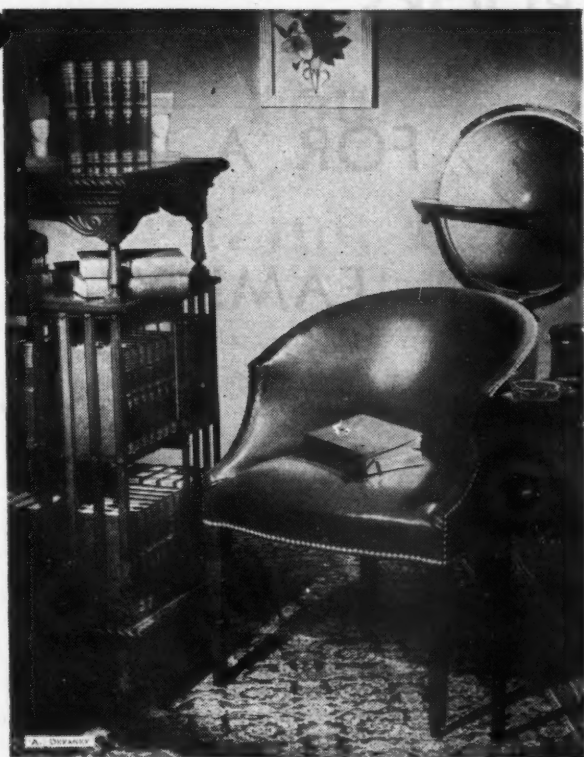
A Bible atlas is needed for a geographical background, which can definitely add meaning and color to the presentation of the lesson. *The Bible Atlas* by Hurlbut is recommended.

A concordance is needed to compare Scripture with Scripture, which will aid in rightly dividing the Word of Truth. This will help the teacher to understand what other portions of the Scripture have to say about the subject to be taught. *Cruden's Concordance* is an inexpensive volume and very comprehensive for a small volume; however, for an exhaustive work, either *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance* or *Young's Analytical Concordance* is well-recommended.

A Bible dictionary will shed light on the customs and culture of the Middle East. An understanding of the customs and culture at the time the Scriptures were written gives meaning to otherwise meaningless passages. The eastern culture is so diverse from the western culture that in order to interpret Scripture one must have this knowledge. *Smith's Bible Dictionary* or *Dan's Bible Dictionary* will be a great aid to every teacher.

A good commentary will make available to the teacher the hours and years of research by godly men. What

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By James A. Cross
Assistant General Overseer

BOOKS

Every Church of God Preacher Should Have

IN A LIST OF BOOKS for use in the minister's library, of course, the Bible occupies first and foremost place, and it goes without saying that it would be *The Book* in the study of the minister. Following the Bible I would list these books in the following order:

1. A good concordance. I prefer *Cruden's Concordance* for a relatively inexpensive one. For a little more money, *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance* can be obtained. *Cruden's* is a good concordance in that it defines many terms and discusses some articles briefly. *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*, of course, is a heavier work listing every term in the Bible and is invaluable to the student of the Bible.
2. The *International Standard Bible Encyclopedia* is a set of books in five volumes that I would recommend for every minister. This is published by Wm. B. Eerdmans of Grand Rapids. It is of value to the student of the Bible because of the wide and divergent views that are presented. It affords the best scholarship obtainable in that American, English, and European authors are contributors to the encyclopedia.

This encyclopedia defines words, terms, and gives information on various subjects, persons, places and things. Its scope embraces the Old and the New Testament. It deals with almost any subject one wishes to delve into; such as, archaeology, history, peoples and their religions, their manners and cus-

toms, the geography and topography of the country, and contains biographies of great men of the Bible. Various views are presented by different writers on many of these subjects, each contributor an authority in his given field. For a concise, informative set of books, I would recommend this as a must in the minister's library.

3. I would also recommend different translations of the Bible other than the King James Version. The various translations are good for comparative use in studying any subject in the Bible. They often throw new light and clarify meanings of various and sundry passages of Scripture, inspiring us to dig deeper in God's Word.
4. I would recommend a book on theology. *Finney's Lectures on Systematic Theology* is good. For a fuller treatment on theology, *Hodges Systematic Theology* is good. Such a book should be used, if for nothing else, to acquaint one with the various terms that are used in theological discussion. In the study of any book of theology, one must keep constantly in mind that the author is defending his particular view of the Scriptures which is set forth by the denomination which he represents. If one keeps this in mind, the book of theology will be very helpful to him.

5. I would also suggest a good church history. This

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BOOKS

FOR A

FAMILY

LIBRARY

By Avis Swiger

Instructor at Lee College

ASIDE FROM THE BIBLE and helps, such as commentaries, dictionaries, concordances, and so forth, these books would seem to be the nucleus around which a home library should be built:

1. Bible story books. They should be for the adults as well as for the children. There are two that would seem indispensable. *The Graphic Bible* by Lewis Browne gives the Bible story in a very easily understood manner from Genesis through the life of the Apostle Paul. As suggested by the title of the book, the story is brought to life by the use of animated maps. The book is interesting and instructional, especially for teen-agers.

The children's favorite Bible story book has ever been Hurlbut's, and it should have its place in the lives of your children. Do not just keep it on the bookshelf; let it be a very real part of their daily lives.

2. *Pilgrim's Progress* is, next to the Bible, the world's classic. From the literary standpoint as well as from the spiritual, it is a *must*. It is the type of book that can help to bind the family circle together. Read it in the evening as you sit around the fireplace and let the adventures of Pilgrim become the subject of discussion. The children will probably like to anticipate what the next experience will be and how he will overcome the temptation. None of you can miss the references to real life experiences.

3. *Fox's Book of Martyrs* is another classic which should be re-read for its full effect. In this book you not only follow the history of the Christian religion but of the development of many of the sciences as well. Galileo was the first man to use the telescope successfully in solving the movements of the heavenly bodies. He was brought before the Inquisition and would have been

killed if he had not denied his belief concerning the movements of the sun. He retained his knowledge however. Whatever the particular field of interest, you will learn worth-while facts concerning it from this book.

4. *Streams in the Desert* is a very helpful book for private devotions. All of us need some special stimulus at times to set our minds and hearts working. This book contains that help for every day of the year. A Bible verse is quoted; a comforting, encouraging, stimulating or uplifting thought is suggested, and it is frequently concluded with a short, pointed poem.

Mrs. Cowman has lived such a rich, full life that she is able to give us the full gamut of emotions with a worth-while way to meet each. This book will be a present help in the time of drought.

5. *The Sketch Book* by Washington Irving will fill the need for a very different type of literature—the essay. Mr. Irving was the first American author to be recognized abroad, so his writing gives us the early American flavor. These articles are most delightful, and they give us a picture of life in England, as well as in America, during that time. All lovers of both American and English literature will enjoy the wit and pathos of his writings.

6 *Like a Mighty Army* is a very new book but one that surely should be in every home library. Moses told the people of Israel to talk about the Lord and the Laws to their children. They were commanded to keep these things before their children at all times. We should talk much about the Church of God in our homes and our children grow up understanding about its history, faith, and teachings.

7. *Sand and Stars*. For relaxation and inspiration read
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What About Your Magazine Rack?

By Gary DeWitt

Missionary Monthly

SOMETIME AGO WE WERE guests at the home of a fine Christian couple. The family is closely connected with the church, and both parents participate in its activities. The home was handsomely furnished and in immaculate order. However, there was one thing about the home that drew our special attention. It was deplorably lacking in Christian magazines and other literature. This was a serious failure on the part of that particular home. Perhaps it was more orderly than a home where magazines and books cover the tables and are strewn over the floor, but it failed to give a vital witness to the interest of that family in the things of God. It revealed a serious failure on the part of the father and mother to surround their children with Christian literature, and it proved a probable explanation of the failure of the children to be discreet in their social relationships. We are at least certain that the absence of Christian periodicals and literature proved a contributing factor in their particular problem. Perhaps the family does not care to read, but all Christian parents should know that good reading habits must be developed in the home and also become a prime factor in the development and maturing of the Christian life.

Christian reading material in the form of periodicals is sadly lacking in many of our church homes. By Christian reading material we do not refer to the poorly conceived and poorly written novels and booklets which come from presses. These are often a disgrace to the Christian faith and certainly to good literature, but we refer to magazines and books that deal with issues and developments that concern the Christian community and individual. We refer to reading matter that brings the principles of the Scripture to grips with modern life. There is too little of this in our Christian homes.

This may be accounted for by the intrusion of modern methods of communication into the home. This is, however, only a partial explanation. More magazines and books are being published than ever before. Perhaps we are too fearful of spending a few dollars for Christian periodicals because "no one reads them anyway." It is doubtful whether our own particular denominational weeklies would carry so large a circulation if they were not subsidized by the local churches. Our problem is a failure of the Christian home to realize the value



of Christian periodicals, and a lack of interest on the part of Christians in the work of the church. Children are not interested because parents are not interested. It is questionable whether the average Christian is interested in the working out of their professed faith in daily living. Parents fail to realize that one article in a periodical may so touch the lives of their children for good as to be of sufficient value to pay for the entire subscription. Every sermon may not be worth a pastor's salary; but when the influence of sermons is felt over the years, it takes on far more value than his stipend. So the total impact of a magazine must be taken into account.

Little is done in our homes to encourage good reading habits. Besides the ready availability of the periodical and the example of the parents, children and young people must be encouraged to read by having interesting and worthy articles casually called to their attention. If we spent as much effort encouraging youth to read the worth-while as we seek to discourage the comic book, we might gain in both directions. There is also the value of making the reading habits of our children a matter of prayer. Our prayer slogans cry out our convictions, but rarely are they strong enough to stir our lips in this direction.

CHRISTIAN MAGAZINES should be chosen with care. There is a dearth of periodical information in some areas of Christian activity. There are too few that aim at children and youth. This, of course, can be remedied by a large demand. Too few periodicals seek to assist the worker in his church activity. Some denominational periodicals are excellent, but they lose their value to others because of their denominational emphasis. On the other hand, some churches are fearful of using the magazines of other communions. This may be a righteous fear, but too often the fear grows out of an unholy self-righteousness. Many persons are unaware of available periodicals. We recall one church that celebrated a "Christian magazine week." This not only acquainted the people with the available materials, but encouraged them to subscribe to the better ones. Church librarians could do much in this direction by providing

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Missions and Missionaries

By J. David Pitts

Pastor, Louisville, Kentucky

Matthew 28:19, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations."

I have a new conception and appreciation of missions and missionaries! After spending four weeks on the mission fields and working with the missionaries, I feel that I have seen missions in action. For almost fifteen years I have ministered where missions are talked and mission money is raised. Now I have been where missions are practiced and mission money is spent.

I have always believed in missions to the extent that I raised my local, state and general missions quotas, but about three years ago God laid a special burden on my heart for the cause of missions. I was made to realize that I must go into all the world with this gospel. It seemed that I could see the peoples of those "regions beyond" and those "other cities." I heard the Macedonian call falling on my ears and pulling at my heart. I was given a love for people I did not know and had never seen. I was burdened with a desire to preach and minister to them the power of God!

Here at Faith Temple we began to have special mission services. I preached about the needs of the mis-

sion fields and raised special offerings to help meet those needs. Our people caught the vision and felt the burden of missions. Finally, I told them of my desire to go and minister to the people whom God had laid on my heart. Instead of resenting my wanting to go and feeling that I ought to stay at home, they encouraged me to obey the leading of the Spirit. So we began to make plans for me to go as an evangelist and representative of the members and friends of the Faith Temple Church of God. Thank God for a fine, Spirit-filled, unselfish group of people.

First, I contacted Brother A. W. Brummett who is the superintendent of the West Indies and Bermuda. I was thrilled to find Brother Brummett spiritually minded, understanding and very helpful. I shall always be grateful for the wonderful counsel and assistance given to me by Brother Brummett. Next, I called on some of our ministers for help in carrying on the many ministries of our Faith Temple Church. I just know God went before and prepared the way for us to secure such fine men to fill the pulpit during

the four week ends I was away. Brother H. D. Williams, General Secretary and Treasurer; Brother Leonard Carroll, President of Lee College; Brother Charles W. Conn, Editor-in-Chief of publications; and Brother A. M. Phillips, State Overseer of Kentucky, consented to serve one week-end each as pastor of Faith Temple Church of God. If we had searched over the world, we could not have found greater preachers, more consecrated, Spirit-filled leaders than these men. Our members and friends loved their ministry of the Word and appreciated their fine spirit of helpfulness. Upon my return home, I was asked many times, "Where did you get such outstanding men? Do all Church of God preachers preach like those brethren? Are all of our leaders Spirit-filled and anointed like those?" Others said, "After hearing those men preach and having the privilege of meeting them, I have greater confidence in our Church" and so forth. It was a real pleasure to heartily agree with them and then to tell them that the entire ministry of the church is outstanding.

On January 3, in company with Brother Brummett, Evangelist Jerry Blow and Brother and Mrs. Elmo Jennings, I left Miami by Pan American Airlines. Brother Brummett was going on official business for the Church; Evangelist Blow was to do evangelistic work in the islands; Brother Jennings, a member of the Missions Board, accompanied by his wife, was visiting the mission fields as a representative of the Mission Board; and I, of course, was to conduct salvation-healing revivals. It was a little hard to say goodbye to my wife and children, who, along with our church secretary, had motored to Miami with me; but I knew I was in the perfect will of God. The most important thing in life is to do His will.

After a very enjoyable flight we arrived in San Juan, Puerto Rico, where that very efficient missionary and pleasing personality, whom we all call Brother Tony, met us. Rev. Antonio Collazo had done and still is doing an outstanding work on the island of Puerto Rico where he is loved and appreciated by all who know him. To the visiting ministers and



members of the Church arriving in San Juan, he is as an angel of mercy as he transports passengers and luggage, finds rooms and orders meals (in Spanish) and does a hundred and one other things to make one's visit both profitable and pleasurable.

The next day, after sight-seeing in the town with Brother Tony, we left by British West Indies Airlines for Trinidad. On the way we landed on the island of Antigua for a brief stop and later at Barbados for another few minutes layover. There we were met by Brother L. R. Summers, Overseer of Barbados, Brother McAfee, pastor of the River Road Church and their wives. All too soon we were called back on board for the remainder of the flight to Trinidad. We left Brother Blow in Barbados where he was to begin his evangelistic work.

Upon arrival in Trinidad, we were met by Brother Edward Hasmatali and some of the saints. Brother Hasmatali is known in many lands for his fine Christian hospitality. In fact, he is, with great affection, often called, "Brother Hospitality." Believe me, the name is very appropriate! After traveling about forty miles, we came to the town of San Fernando where Brother Hasmatali makes his home. Here we were warmly received and provided with lunch before retiring.

In a few days the other members of the party left for the conventions and I stayed behind to continue the meetings over the island. I was in Trinidad for ten nights of revival services in the different churches and thoroughly enjoyed my ministry there. The people had been praying for a moving of the Spirit. They were hungry for the message of faith and a manifestation of the presence of God. As they were healed of all manner of diseases, they rejoiced in the Lord and many souls were born again of the Spirit. Brother Hasmatali and his workers are to be highly commended for the good work they have carried on in Trinidad over the years. It is the ripest field for evangelism that I have ever seen. I hope I am privileged to return sometime in the future for a mass meeting on the island. I believe thousands of souls would be saved, bodies would be healed, lives would be changed, the saints would be blessed and people would be added to the Church.

It was with deep regret that I said goodbye to the people of Trinidad. I loved them when I came to the island and loved them even more when I left. They treated me with great love and respect. Even as I write this, I find myself longing to again see their smiling faces and hear their shouts of praise. God, ever bless and watch over these grand people.

I arrived in Barbados on the closing weekend of the island convention. Brother Summers was doing a fine job of moderating the convention and Brother D. C. Boatwright, State Overseer of Georgia, as the evening speaker was greatly used of God to bless the people. I spoke in the Sunday morning service and was anointed of the



Lord and inspired by the people. Again, in the afternoon, I spoke in the youth rally which was in charge of Brother McAfee. It was a joy to see the young people blessed of God as they presented their program. They would have been a credit to any convention, anywhere.

Sunday night brought the convention to a close as Brother Boatwright delivered a powerful message that reached the hearts of the people. They loved this man of God who ministered to them during the convention. It was a touching thing to see the genuine compassion Brother Boatwright felt for the people. Somehow, as he preached, one forgot that he was the Overseer of the work in the state of Georgia; his preaching was more like the preaching and pleading of an evangelist hungry for the souls of men! I am sure that each of us left the service with a greater appreciation for the love of God and the value of a human soul.

On Monday evening, we began our salvation-healing revival with the Riv-

er Road Church. Brother and Sister McAfee, Brother and Sister Summers and the Christian workers all did their best and God honored their labors. Many were saved and healed by the marvelous power of Jesus Christ. The people of Barbados are very sincere and zealous in their worship of God. It was a real joy to minister to them, and we surely had some good times in the Lord.

While there, I also had the pleasure of preaching the dedicatory sermon for a new building. It was a beautiful building that had in it a great deal of sacrifice, love and hard work. Brother Summers is a genius for getting more than a dollar's worth for every dollar he spends. Every dollar that gets into his hands is well and wisely spent for the cause of Christ and His Church.

All too soon, the time came for me to say good-bye and be on my way to Puerto Rico and to the other islands. I learned to dearly love the missionaries and the people, and it was hard to leave them. As the plane winged



its way into the air and headed away from Barbados, I knew that my life had been enriched by my visit there. I consoled myself with the promise to return sometime in the future.

In San Juan I was met at the Terminal by Brother Frank Hernandez. Brother Tony was in Dominican Republic, attending the convention and interpreting for the speakers. After a brief rest at the hotel, Brother Frank called for me and we went to the church which he pastors; a special service had been announced for that night. When we arrived at the church, the people were singing and worshipping God as only Spanish, Pentecostal people can do. I was blessed by their singing and music. And, my, how I did enjoy preaching to them! I shall never forget the wonderful time we had together.

The next morning I left for Dominican Republic where I was to join the other brethren in the island convention. There I found everything going forward with all stops pulled; they were really having a great time of spiritual worship. Brother Jennings had been preaching in the evening services, and the spiritual tide was high. I was asked to speak that night and enjoyed it very much as Brother Tony interpreted for me. God moved in the service and when I called for the prayer line many came and were healed by the love and power of Jesus Christ. The altar filled with seekers until there was hardly room for them to kneel. What a joy it was to preach to hungry and receptive hearts. How the folk listened and believed the truth of God's Word! Brother and Sister Alton are in charge of the work in Dominican Republic, and they are God-called missionaries of special ability and dedication. They are loved and held in esteem by the people.

The next day it was time to travel again—this time to the island of Haiti. Here an outstanding convention was in progress with Brother Ramsey, State Overseer of South Carolina, as the night speaker. In every service, there was a spirit of genuine worship. The people had worked hard, and God had given them souls; now they were rejoicing and preparing for other battles. Brother Ramsey was as a flame in the pulpit. It seemed that the Holy Spirit anointing came upon him as he entered the pulpit and remained on him throughout the message. How those people thrilled to such great preaching! As waves of glory flowed over the congregation, they shouted the high praises of God. It seemed that they could hardly contain themselves as the Spirit moved from heart to heart with the speed of light.

While I was here, I assisted Brother LaCombe, the pastor, in a baptismal service. I wish I could have tarried longer and had the privilege of being with them in a revival meeting.

Brother and Sister Wayne Heil and their good helper, "Sister Faye," have done an amazing work on the island of Haiti. They have added to the spiritual life of the people and added to the material value of the work with some very lovely buildings. Praise God

for such consecrated workers who give their very lives so freely to the work of God and the Church.

Leaving Haiti, I flew on to Jamaica to be with Brother and Sister Taylor and their family. Brother Ramsey and I made this trip together, and I enjoyed it very much. Brother Taylor met us at the airport. When landing in a foreign port, it certainly is good to look around and see the face of a Church of God missionary. We received a royal welcome into the mission home where we enjoyed the fellowship of these fine people. Our time here was limited, but we were able to visit two of the churches and received some very encouraging reports of the work. God bless Brother and Sister Taylor and their family in the sacrifices they make and in the work they are doing.

Havana, Cuba was next on the list. Here we were to meet our missionary, Brother Sixto Molina. I enjoyed a good, old-fashioned, Pentecostal meeting in Cuba and was privileged to speak in one of the churches. It is a newly organized work, but shows great promise of rapid growth as soon as they can secure a suitable building. These missionaries do a tremendous work under almost impossible circumstances. The good Lord bless Brother and Sister Molina in their huge task of labor in Cuba.

After leaving Cuba, I started, by way of Miami, to Louisville where I was to meet my lovely wife and two sweet children. I was very eager to see them and my precious church people. I was ready to preach, to pray and to raise money and workers for the mission field!

Now, that I am home and have had opportunity to evaluate my visit and experience, these are my observations:

Souls saved: During those four weeks I had more people saved through my ministry than in any other month of my life. Not only were more people saved, but also they were saved with less effort. There are more lost souls on the mission fields, and they are more ready for the message of the gospel.

Bodies healed: I had wondered if the people on the mission fields would be ready for the faith message. God directed me to preach faith, and then challenge the people to try God for healing. This I did, and God confirmed His Word with miracles and wonders as the people, in simple faith, received their healing. More people are healed and healed with less effort on the mission fields.

Lasting results: When these people come to Jesus Christ, many times the cost for them is greater than for ones on the home field. Usually, they must make a break from other gods. They have to sever family ties. They must be instructed in the Church teachings and be baptized in water. It is only after they have made everything right and straightened up their lives that they are added to the Church as members. Yes, the results are lasting.

The need: I never knew that such depth of poverty, such a low level of living even existed. I had no idea that so many people were underprivileged

and unevangelized. Many times the prayer lines were so great that I could hardly pray for them. Seekers for salvation and the Holy Ghost had to pray without anyone to instruct them. The magnitude of the task is too great to visualize. We need consecrated, dedicated workers who are willing to give even their lives for the souls of men. We need prayer warriors who will lay unwearying siege to the throne of grace for souls. We need people who will give of their means to send those who are willing and eager to go and labor for souls.

Missionaries: I have never met a more dedicated man than Brother A. W. Brummett. He has a great compassion for the people and an intense desire to reach them with the gospel. Everywhere I went I was made to admire our missionaries. They are the salt of the earth and the cream of the crop! In our men on the fields, we have nothing to be ashamed of and everything to be proud of. They go to the people and live as they live and eat what they eat in order to win their love and respect. All that our men on the mission fields need is for us men on the home fields to give them workers and material—they'll get the job done!

Money: I looked with open eyes for any sign of wasted or misused money. Before those men turn a dollar loose, they wring from it every cent it has—and seemingly more. They stretch one dollar out and make it do the work of two or three. If they had the dollars to do with there that we have here, I think they would get much more done with them. The thing that touched my heart was the great need for more money. They need larger buildings for the people to worship in. They need more equipment to work with. They need more support for the native workers, and they need more help.

In conclusion please allow me to make this plea. Let us encourage our Mission Board to enlarge the scope of their work. Let us encourage them to send more of our young people into these fields. Let us encourage them to take advantage of this last-day, ministry of faith to do a great and immediate work for God.

A good book is the very essence of a good man. His virtues survive in it, while the foibles and faults of his actual life are forgotten. All the goodly company of the excellent and great sit around my table, or look down on me from yonder shelves, waiting patiently to answer my questions and enrich me with their wisdom. A precious book is a foretaste of immortality. — T. L. Cuyler

Some books are to be tasted; others swallowed; and some few to be chewed and digested.—Bacon.

BOOKS EVERY S. S. TEACHER . . .

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others have discovered in the Scriptures by prodigious study can be learned by the teacher with very little effort. Study in a commentary can serve to inspire the teacher and to provoke thought. If a teacher is able to buy only one volume, I would recommend the *Jamieson Fausset and Brown Commentary*. Other helpful commentaries are *Clark's*, *Matthew Henry* and *Lange's*.

BOOKS ON PEDAGOGY

Besides these aids in lesson preparation there are certain laws of pedagogy that a teacher must follow or fail. To my knowledge, the best book published today on this subject for Sunday School teachers is *Christian Teacher* by Clarence Benson. In my estimation, second to this is *Principles of Teaching* by Eavey.

OTHER BOOKS

Every Sunday School teacher should know the history of the Sunday School, why it exists, and have a general knowledge of its operation. For this reason, annual training courses are prepared by the Church. The 1956 course is available through your Publishing House. It is entitled *Workers' Training Course No. 1*, published by the National Sunday School Department.

Other books which will aid the teacher in acquiring a general knowledge of the Sunday School are:

Sunday School in Action by Clarence Benson

All About the Sunday School by Fant and French

How to Build Up the Church School by Weldon Cross-land

Increasing Church School Attendance by Gage

If the teachers are not able to purchase these books, they should be available at the church library.



BOOKS EVERY CHURCH OF GOD PREACHER . . .

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will acquaint one with the course of Christianity from the early days of the Church down to more modern days. One by all means should follow the vicissitudes of the Church in its course through the world, particularly during the periods of reformation, as a clear understanding of those periods will aid greatly in his understanding of the various denominations of the present day. Of course, I would recommend for modern-day history our own *Like a Mighty Army*.

6. A must also in the preacher's library is a good dictionary of the English language, either a college dictionary or an unabridged. If one can afford an unabridged dictionary, then, of course, that is far better as the correct pronunciation and various definitions should be clear in one's mind when preaching on any given subject.
7. I would also recommend a thesaurus arranged in dictionary form. This contains a wealth of synonyms which are helpful both in writing and in speaking. A good vocabulary is certainly of untold value to the minister of the gospel, and the use of such

a book will prevent the over-working of words. After all, words are the vehicles by which we convey our ideas and thoughts to the people. If it can be done so clearly and in an interesting manner, it is much better. I find this book of great value in speaking and in writing, and I would recommend it to the serious student of the Bible.

8. I would recommend also a book entitled *What Shall I Preach?* by George Brown Thomas. This book is published by Abingdon-Cokesbury. It is one of the most provocative books that it has been my pleasure to discover in a long time. It is simply a book containing 2,200 Bible texts with suggested subject titles. This book contains a wealth of ideas to the searcher of truth and is of great value in "priming the pump." Simply to peruse this book and notice its various texts and subjects will start a chain of thoughts in one's mind that will be fertile in the preaching of the gospel of Christ. If you are looking for a sermon outline book, do not buy this book, for it is certainly not an outline book; but it is one that will provoke thought in a field that you perhaps have never thought of before. I would recommend this for your study.
9. I would suggest a book of popular quotations by some good author. This book is always helpful in speaking and writing. Most of them are arranged alphabetically and classified according to subject matter. Quotations on many great subjects—religious, political, and patriotic—are included in these books and you will find them of value to you in your preaching. To weave in quotations during your sermon will create additional interest in the message that you are presenting to the people. I believe you will find it helpful in your preaching ministry.
10. I would suggest a book of religious poems. This book can be used on so many various occasions. Once in a while just a verse or two from some good poem included in the sermon will serve to illustrate your message far better than some canned illustration from a book. Poems of this nature are helpful in radio services. They are of particular value in visiting the sick, for a good religious poem that offers sympathy and understanding to the sufferer often brings consolation to such a heart.

This is a partial list of some of my favorite books. I trust you will enjoy perusing its contents as much as I. No doubt, you have your own favorite list. Good books are a great friend to every man.



BOOKS FOR A FAMILY . . .

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the experiences of a modern-day heroine. This is a delightful novel based on the experiences of missionaries in South America. We know far too little about how the "other half" of the world lives. Our understanding and compassion will be enlightened, and we shall be a better example in tolerance after a few sessions with such a book.

8. *Stories of Hymns We Love*. Almost everyone has the capacity to appreciate music, but it can and should be developed. The hymns of the Church help us to express

our deepest emotions far better than we are able to do with our own words. The more we know about the writer and the reasons for writing, the more we appreciate the hymn. This book gives the background of the world's greatest songs.

9. *Heroes of Faith on Pioneer Trails* is the most inspirational book available on the lives of the world's most courageous men. The life stories of ten great missionaries are told. Each person had a favorite Scripture which molded and directed his life. This is a book which must be re-read many times in order to grasp its full significance.

10. Every library should have at least one book of poems. Our taste in poetry may vary a great deal, but all of us can find pleasure in some of them. For many, *Childhood Rhymes* by James Whitcomb Riley is ideal. Others would prefer *Poems of Longfellow* or *The Complete Works of John Greenleaf Whittier*. If you desire a more varied collection, you may secure a book of favorite poems by American authors, or you may obtain an even broader scope by a book of great poems of all times.

The main thing in starting a family library is to secure books that will be read and loved by all. Make them easily accessible to all and encourage reading for recreation as well as for information.



WHAT ABOUT YOUR MAGAZINE . . .

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for the lending of magazines to its members. If mounting costs prohibit the individual from subscribing to current magazines, they could readily be made available through the church library. Church and Sunday School teachers would be greatly benefited by the lending library.

The Christian press seeks to stimulate thinking through the religious periodical. It brings information, but the information is given with the purpose of encouraging the development of Christian maturity. The Christian magazine does its work over and over again. Hudson Taylor was led into the Christian life through the reading of a tract he took from his father's library table. How often his father must have thanked God for that little incident, and how richly the cause of Christ benefited from it! A basket of tracts on a living-room table opened the eyes of millions in China. It is still happening! Placing Christian literature in the home is like planting seeds in the garden. We look hopefully for their development. Inspiration, new ideas for the home and church, a change in life's direction—these often come in unexplained ways out of the Christian magazines on the living-room table. We cannot guarantee their growth, but we can prepare the way for great eventualities.

Christian periodicals keep us alive to the world-wide activity of the church. We are often handicapped by our limited vision, and strangely enough, denominational leaders seem to want it so. Every Christian ought to be aware of the activity of his own denomination, but as a Christian he ought to be informed concerning the world-wide ministry of the church. It gives him a vital interest in the total work of Christ, and makes him a better worker in his own particular church or denomina-

tion. It gives him an opportunity to give wisely and to pray effectually. The church is a world-wide organism, and needs the active interest of every one of its stockholders. We are living in a day when news of world events is available to all. The Christian press and periodicals seek to do just that. They bring the church in Asia to our library table. For a few cents a week the entire family can become informed about the world-wide interests of the church. Families can recover the all but forgotten joys of the dinner hour. Topics that create wise and intelligent interests can build homes and transform lives.

We are living in a time of vast opportunity, but one of its doors we have left strangely closed—Christian literature in the home. It can be the gateway to a larger life. It may well be, under God's direction, the changing of the course of an entire life. We must not neglect this door of opportunity.

P. F. N. A. MISSIONS SEMINAR

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- 9:15-10:00 a.m. "Missionary Emphasis for Today"
 - A. Overseas Evangelism
 - B. National Evangelism
 - C. Literature Evangelism
 —R. E. Lichty
- 10:00-10:30 a.m. Discussion
- 10:30 a.m.
 - A. National Indoctrination
 - B. Self-reliant Church
 —Herman O. Mitzner
- 11:15-11:45 a.m. Discussion
- 11:45-12:00 a.m. Executive Business Session
(Election of Officers)
- 2:30-2:45 p.m. Devotional by Ralph Isbill
- 2:45-4:30 p.m. Missions in Review
(A presentation by missionaries in costume)

NOTE: Missionaries on furlough planning to attend this meeting kindly write me at once.

—Paul H. Walker, Foreign Missions Executive Secretary

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BULLETIN BOARD

The Reverend Roy Dagnan is still in full-time evangelistic work and is willing to go anywhere the Lord leads. He has had twelve years experience evangelizing in sixteen states. You may contact him at the following address: Rev. Roy Dagnan, Wallins Creek, Kentucky.

I have a 120 feather-weight, slightly used accordion for sale. The price of the accordion plus a home course is \$125. You may contact me at the following address: Mrs. F. D. Cross, Box 1817, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The Rev. F. S. Smith is now located at the following address: P. O. Box 555, Carrollton, Georgia. Phone Terrace 27891.

I am now available for revival work. Pastors may contact me at my new address. C. E. French, Box 332, Cleveland, Tennessee.

To all readers who have personal problems of any nature and need help in prayer, I would like to say that I feel a definite call to pray for such. I will be happy to pray for all requests that I receive.—Mrs. Inez Lord, Route 1, Denton, Georgia.

The Pennsylvania Prayer Conference will be held at Williamsburg, November 27, 28.

—Lourenna Moreland, Secretary

The Church of God in Pittsburg, located at McCandless and Carnegie Avenues, will open a month-long revival in October. The revival will start with special all-day service on September 30, with two services each day during the revival. Day services will be held at 1:45 p.m. over radio station WPIT, 730 kc, at the studio, and at 7:30 p.m. each night at the church. We hope you will pray for this old-fashioned full-gospel revival.

—Lourenna Moreland, Secretary

William and Helen L. Morrow are now located at 815 East Cherry Street, Sherman, Texas.

October 8, 1956

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MORRIS

Barbara Sue Morris, of Blytheville, Arkansas, died July 21, 1956, at the age of 8 years, 10 months, and 17 days. She attended the Church of God at Kilburn and took an active part in the children's choir and other services. Her last words in this life were praise to God. The Rev. C. B. Jackson was in charge of the funeral. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Morris, three brothers, one sister, and her grandparents. Her friends and loved ones will miss her very much. We know she is at rest with Jesus

—Annie Shrable, pastor

CHILDERS

Brother J. H. Childers passed away to be with Jesus on August 10, 1956. He had been a member and minister of the Church of God since 1912. He had been in ill health for the past 3 years and 4 months, but he was faithful and bore his sickness with patience. He was 84 years of age. He is survived by his wife, 1 brother, 12 children, 50 grandchildren, 52 great-grandchildren, and a host of friends.

—Mrs. Fannie Childers, wife

HARRIS

Sister Mary Harris died May 14, 1956, at the age of 59. She was a charter member of the Church of God. She is survived by her husband, 2 sons, and 4 daughters. Her funeral was conducted by her former pastor, The Rev. Van Browning.

—Beulah Browning

TRENT

Sister Connie Trent died August 15, 1956, at the age of 60 years. She was a member of the Mallory Church of God. She is survived by her husband, 1 daughter and 3 sons. Her funeral was conducted by the Rev. Van Browning, of Bruno, West Virginia.

—Beulah Browning

MULLINAX

Our dear husband and father, Ernest H. Mullinax, of Arlington, Virginia, went to be with Jesus on June 1, 1956. He met death accidentally in an automobile crash. Brother Mullinax was a Holy Ghost-filled, faithful, and very devoted member of the Church of God in Alexandria, Virginia. He

was a blessing to the church and an inspiration to each member and to the pastor. His death came as a great shock to the church, his friends, and to his family. His departure left loneliness and heartbreaks here on earth but brought gladness and rejoicing in heaven. Brother Mullinax would have been 59 years old July 4. He had been a faithful member of the Church of God at Alexandria, Virginia, for four years since being transferred from Front Royal Church of God at Front Royal, Virginia. Brother Mullinax enjoyed a wide circle of friends and was highly respected by his employer and those who worked with him daily. He was employed by the government and had held that position for several years prior to his death. He is survived by his wife, 3 sons, and 1 daughter, 5 stepchildren, 3 grandchildren, and 1 step-grandchild. Brother Mullinax's funeral was held at the Bradley Funeral Home in Luray, Virginia. His pastor, the Reverend F. W. Lemons, and his former pastor, Rev. J. L. McPherson, of Danville, Virginia, officiated. He was laid to rest in Green View cemetery at Luray, Virginia. Now heaven seems nearer and dearer to us.

—Mrs. Ernest Mullinax and family

BROWN

On March 16, 1956, Brother C. C. Brown, age 66, went to be with Jesus. He was a faithful member of the Gatewood Church of God and was loved by all who knew him. He is greatly missed.

—Rev. Dempsey Neese, pastor

AUSTIN

Mr. Earnest Austin, husband of Sister Bessie Austin, a faithful member of the Eighth Avenue Church of God of Albany, Georgia, passed away at the Veterans' Hospital in Dublin, Georgia, April 28, 1956. His funeral was conducted by the pastor.

—Rev. C. N. Bolt, pastor

SHIVER

Mrs. Lela Shiver, a faithful member of the Church of God in Albany, Georgia, passed from this earth to her reward July 10, 1956. She was one of the oldest mothers in this church and could always be counted on to stand by her church. She was 75 years of age. Her funeral was conducted by the pastor.

—Rev. C. N. Bolt, pastor

LOKEY

Mrs. Ella Lokey, known by most of her friends as Grannie Lokey, went to be with her Lord July 12. Sister Lokey was an invalid for many years, but she never allowed it to dampen her spirits or cool her fervor for God. Her funeral was conducted at the Eighth Avenue Church of God in Albany, Georgia, by the pastor.

—Rev. C. N. Bolt, pastor

DeLANEY

On June 11, 1956, John S. DeLaney departed this life to be with Jesus. He was 97 years, 11 months, and 18 days old. He was a member of the Jones Chapel Church of God. His funeral was conducted by the Rev. W. O. Crews, pastor of the Plant City, Florida, Church of God. He is survived by 3 sons, 5 daughters, 1 brother, 17 grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends. He will be sadly missed by all. Our loss is heaven's gain.

—Mrs. Dewey DeLaney

BROOME

Mrs. Leila A. Broome, a charter member of the Hemphill Avenue Church of God, died July 9, 1956. She was born on February 6, 1870. Her funeral was conducted by the Rev. Earl P. Paulk, Jr., her present pastor. She is survived by 4 daughters.

PETRORO

Mrs. Antonia Petroro, who has been a faithful member of the Church of God in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, for the past fifteen years, has gone to be with the Lord. When the church doors opened she was there and was always the first one to testify for the Lord. She will be greatly missed by the church and her family. She is survived by her husband, 4 sons, and 1 daughter. The funeral was conducted at the Church of God with the Rev. A. A. Lynch, her pastor, officiating.

—Clair Reese, clerk

PRICE

Bessie R. Price, evangelist, died March 26, 1956. Her home was in Spokane, Washington.

—D. G. Homner
Overseer of Washington

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